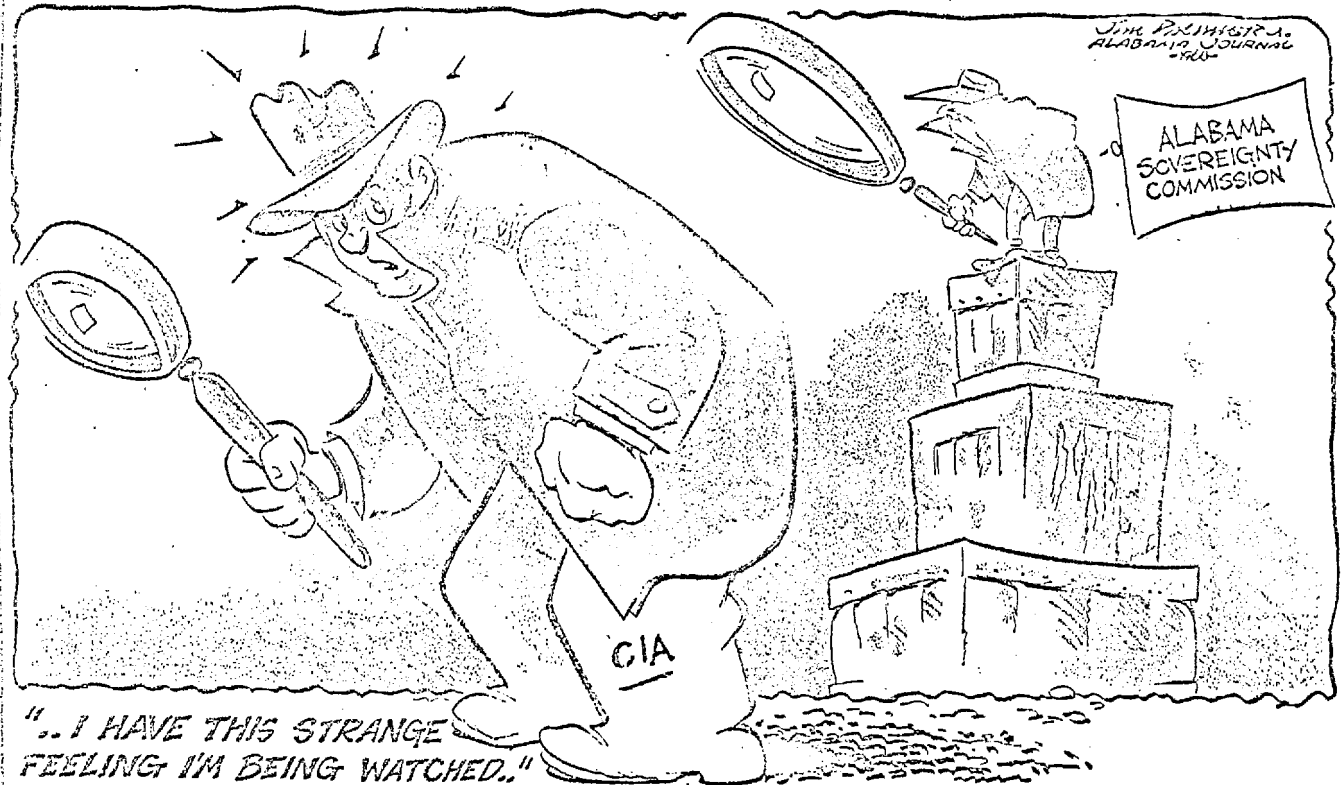


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## Beware The CIA

THE STATE Sovereignty Commission has taken to publishing a little four-page weekly bulletin. The first issue was predictable enough; it carried reprints of various articles reflecting the Commission's philosophical bent.

Gut edition No. 2 turned out to be a real corker. The entire bulletin is devoted to an expose of the villainous activities of the Central Intelligence Agency, that super-secret arm of the Federal government which is supposed to stay one jump ahead of the news all over the world.

Quoting sources "supposedly in the know," the Commission tells us that the CIA is really a "hidden government" in the United States and that "the abdication of power by President Johnson was the culmination of open warfare between powerful factions in the Central Intelligence Agency."

The Commission's beef against the CIA is summed up in a few sentences:

The current CIA budget is classified. The amount spent in a partisan struggle for political power in the United States can be estimated only by adding up the hundreds of millions spent each year in separate efforts by the CIA to influence and to control balance of power minority bloc votes in the United States. Such an estimate cannot take into account expenditures still cloaked in secrecy. Even so it is known that the CIA has spent hundreds of millions of dollars for political objectives including a drive to organize and capture the Negro vote; in pursuit of organized labor; in support of left wing radical youth organizations, educational organizations; and for recruitment of intellectual mercenaries from the academic

community and from religious organizations and news media.

If that were not indictment enough, seven of the eight active members of the Commission each wrote his own case against the CIA. For instance, Sen. Jack Giles called the CIA "a design for government by subversion . . . the step-by-step plan toward total control." Another member, Joseph S. Mead, lamented that "the Sovereignty Commission can't do much to combat totalitarian trends with the little money available, but we must do what we can, to get somebody to do something, before it is too late to do anything but submit to tyranny." Perhaps the Sovereignty Commission will be asking the Legislature for an increase in its present appropriation of \$100,000 a year, in order to carry on its campaign against the CIA.

We noted that Gov. Brewer, who by virtue of his office is chairman of the Sovereignty Commission, did not join the remaining members in sounding the alarm over this sinister force in our midst. But that's forgivable; Gov. Brewer has probably been so tied up with running the state that he just hasn't noticed the menace that lurks about.

One curious footnote: heretofore, Ramparts Magazine — which is something of an intellectual journal for the New Left and the hippie movement — had the field all to itself in exposing the CIA's infiltration into student groups. Now, Ramparts has the support of the Alabama Sovereignty Commission in its anti-CIA crusade.

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